

Growth Management Oversight Commission

March 08, 2007
6:00 p.m.

Conference Room
Ken Lee Building

MINUTES

GMOC MEMBERS PRESENT: Garcia, Little, Krogh, Palma, Jones, O'Neill, Acerro

GMOC MEMBERS ABSENT: Clayton

STAFF MEMBERS
Ed Batchelder, Advance Plng. Manager
Frank Herrera-A, Principal Planner
Stan Donn, Senior Planner
Paula Brown-Peeling, Library
Dave Byers, Dir. Public Works Opts.
Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

AGENCIES REPS.:
Katy Wright, SUHSD
Hector Martinez, Sweetwater Auth.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O'Neill asked the Secretary to call the roll; Ms. Clayton was absent. Ms. Acerro made a motion to excuse the absence, Commissioner Garcia seconded; the motion was passed unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman O'Neill asked for a motion to approve the minutes. The secretary distributed copies of an email containing amendments, which the commission reviewed and discussed. Chairman O'Neill requested staff ask Mr. Tulloch to give a synopsis of the rates and the reasons. The Chairman made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Commissioner Palma with unanimous agreement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public intending to present.

4. RESPONSE TO LIBRARY QUESTIONS

A document containing summary information of the Libraries was distributed. Ms. Brown-Peeling explained the comparison with neighboring libraries regarding usage and hours of operation. She also informed the commissioners of the basis for determining operating hours and some of the tools used to gain that information, such as customer survey, standards and mystery shoppers.

5. RESPONSE TO DRAINAGE QUESTIONS

Dave Byers introduced himself, the director of Public Works Operations which is the department that maintains all City services (infrastructure, traffic signals and street lights). He distributed a map of Detention Basins and Natural Channels. He explained what is required in the maintenance of each, when other agencies are involved and when permits are required. Mr. Byers stated that he has requested some measures to be put into place on the issuing of permits, such as having the City named as a party, to have the Developer get a "Renewal of Maintenance" for the City, and others. The Chairman and Commissioner Krogh separately pointed out that the responsibility of the GMOC is to raise the level of awareness to City Council, by making strong recommendations, etc. on such issues which could help the department gain the funding for required activities. The Chairman requested a "wish-list" of need, which could be addressed under funding from Proposition 218.

6. REVIEW OF COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES

Sweetwater Union High School District

Ms. Katy Wright introduced herself, the Director of Planning for the District and stated that she was present to answer any questions from the group. In response to a question from Ms. Acerro regarding the capacity of CV High School, Ms. Wright explained that by the time the capacity is maxed out to overflow, High School 14 will be constructed. Referring to #8 Mr. Jones asked for information on any plans for the western part of the City. Ms. Wright stated that in the last year the District has added a 2-storey, 18-classroom building at Hilltop HS and with the approx. \$700 million, will continue to modernize and improve on existing campuses, such as replacing the modulars with multi-level buildings. Commissioner Acerro asked where the 15% of enrollment is coming from, to which Ms. Wright explained that they were from other schools within the District but not in the City of Chula Vista. Ms. Wright also responded to enquiries of the District's activities in real estate, by explaining that the District is requesting rezoning of the location of District-owned property which is being offered for sale to developers to get increased revenue. Commissioner Krogh asked about the status of "joint use" which Ms. Wright affirmed was still ongoing. The Chairman thanked Ms. Wright for her time and input.

Sweetwater Authority

Mr. Hector Martinez introduced himself as the representative for the Water agency. Ms. Acerro commended the organization for reducing its dependence on imported water and asked about the decreased replacement program of old pipes. Mr. Martinez explained that this project was moved to the top to accommodate it. He confirmed comments by City staff that the Utility Coordinating Committee, which schedules Capital Improvement Projects has about 98% positive functionality. Mr. Martinez

responded to questions regarding emergency supply, by stating that the agency has a 2-year supply of untreated water in the reservoir and there are plans in place in the event of a catastrophic event. There is coordination between the water agencies in the region, each having their management plans and will gradually institute restrictions if it becomes necessary, not overnight. Mr. Martinez stated that at this present time there is not the need to construct a desalination plant.

7. COMMISSIONER AND STAFF COMMENTS

The Chairman took a poll for attendance on 3/22, as Mr. Little and Ms. Acerro will not be attending; a quorum was established.

Ms. Acerro commented on the statistics from the Legislative Representative for the City, which show that the City has approximately \$338 million worth of things to get done and for which the City is proposing to put out grants; \$132 million of that money is to be spent on infrastructure to bring it up to standard. Ms. Acerro stated that she felt the situation could not be rectified without a bond issue. The Chairman stated that he had made a suggestion in the past for a ½ cent sales tax to be implemented; ¼ to go to schools and ¼ to infrastructure; he still felt that this would be a good idea.

Commissioner Krogh asked for minutes for the last meeting of the previous year and was informed by staff that the City Clerk covers that meeting and produces the minutes. He also commented on an article regarding money from the State to spend on Traffic, that North County got \$350 million approved and we have applied for the same amount but was not approved. Mr. Krogh stated that he would address this at the next meeting when he had gathered more information and details.

The Chairman asked about the status of the review of the Growth Management Program. Ed Batchelder explained that the Top to Bottom review documents, the G M Guidelines and the revised GM Ordinance have been forwarded to the Attorney's office for review. Another component of that is the GM Element of the General Plan. The Chairman again raised the possibility of a retreat of the Commission to discuss the revision of the thresholds.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman O'Neill adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. to the next meeting scheduled for March 22, 2007.

Rabbia Phillip
Secretary

Frank J. Herrera-A
Growth Management Coordinator

Approved 04/05/07 TA/SP - RHabstain